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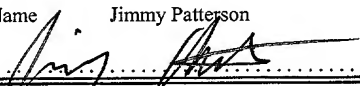
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Mercure et al.

Entitled: Reinforced Shrink Wrap and Method of Manufacture

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

This is a request for filing a continuation application, claiming priority to a prior U.S. patent application Serial No.09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999, entitled *Reinforced Shrink Wrap and Method of Manufacture* by the following named inventor(s):

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- ☒ Enclosed is 15 pages of the specification, 5 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	25 -20=	5	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 90.00
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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, reference 41836.00055USC1(BAI).
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$457.00 for the application fee is enclosed.
5. ☒ Applicant is a small entity. Small Entity status was established in the parent application that this continuation claims priority to. Therefore, Small Entity status is still appropriate and desired.
6. ☒ A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application is enclosed. An Associate Power of Attorney is also enclosed.
7. ☒ This application claims priority to a previously filed U.S. patent application. Therefore, after the titled please insert --PRIOR RELATED APPLICATIONS  
This application is continuation application claiming priority to previously filed U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--.
8. ☒ This application is assigned to Reef Industries, Inc. at Reel/Frame 010165/0748 recorded on August 13, 1999.
9. ☒ 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings are enclosed.
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**REMARKS**

This application is a continuation application claiming priority to a previously filed U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999. Claims 5, 19, 25, 26, 30 and 31 have been deleted. The claims have been amended and are in the attached specification. No new matter has been added. The requisite fee is enclosed. Should there be any additional fees required, please charge such additional fees to Deposit Account 10-0447, reference 41836.00055USC1 (BAI).

Respectfully submitted,

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